

Limiting K - and J -spaces in the real interpolation, their relationship and duals

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K -functional and J -functional

Definition

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple.

(i) The Peetre K -functional is defined for each $f \in X_0 + X_1$ and $t > 0$ by

$$K(f, t; X_0, X_1) := \inf \{ \|f_0\|_{X_0} + t \|f_1\|_{X_1} : f = f_0 + f_1 \},$$

where the infimum extends over all representations $f = f_0 + f_1$ of f with $f_0 \in X_0$ and $f_1 \in X_1$.

(ii) The Peetre J -functional is defined for each $f \in X_0 \cap X_1$ and $t > 0$ by

$$J(f, t; X_0, X_1) := \max \{ \|f\|_{X_0}, t \|f\|_{X_1} \}.$$

K -spaces

Definition

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple. For $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$, and $v \in \mathcal{W}(0, \infty)$, we put

$$(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; K} := \{f \in X_0 + X_1 : \|f\|_{\theta, q, v; K} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{\theta, q, v; K} \equiv \|f\|_{(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; K}} := \left\| t^{-\theta-1/q} v(t) K(f, t; X_0, X_1) \right\|_{q; (0, \infty)}.$$

Remark

If $v = 1$ on $(0, \infty)$ in this definition, then we obtain the classical space $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q; K}$.

Modifications:

Replacing $(0, \infty)$ by $(0, 1)$ or by $(1, \infty)$, we get the spaces

$(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; K; (0, 1)}$ equip with $\left\| t^{-\theta-1/q} v(t) K(f, t; X_0, X_1) \right\|_{q; (0, 1)}$

or $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; K; (1, \infty)}$ equip with $\left\| t^{-\theta-1/q} v(t) K(f, t; X_0, X_1) \right\|_{q; (1, \infty)}$.

J -spaces

Definition

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$, and let $v \in \mathcal{W}(0, \infty)$. The space

$$(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; J}$$

consists of all $f \in X_0 + X_1$ for which there is a strongly measurable function

$$u : (0, \infty) \rightarrow X_0 \cap X_1$$

such that

$$f = \int_0^\infty u(s) \frac{ds}{s} \quad (\text{convergence in } X_0 + X_1) \quad (1)$$

and for which the functional

$$\|f\|_{\theta, q, v; J} \equiv \|f\|_{(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; J}} := \inf \left\| \left\| t^{-\theta-1/q} v(t) J(u(t), t; X_0, X_1) \right\| \right\|_{q; (0, \infty)}$$

is finite (the infimum extends over all representations (1) of f).

Modifications: $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; J; (0,1)}$ and $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; J; (1, \infty)}$.

Slowly varying functions

Definition (Slowly varying functions)

$b \in SV(0, +\infty) \iff b \in \mathcal{M}^+(0, +\infty)$, b is finite on $(0, +\infty)$, and
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists h_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{M}^+(0, +\infty; \uparrow)$, $\exists h_{-\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{M}^+(0, +\infty; \downarrow)$ such that

$$t^\varepsilon b(t) \approx h_\varepsilon(t) \text{ and } t^{-\varepsilon} b(t) \approx h_{-\varepsilon}(t) \quad \forall t > 0$$

Examples

$$l(t) := 1 + |\log t|, \quad t > 0$$

$$l_1 := l, \quad l_i := l_1 \circ l_{i-1}, \quad i > 1, \quad i \in \mathbb{N}$$

① $b(t) = \ell^\alpha(t) := \prod_{i=1}^m \ell_i^{\alpha_i}(t), \quad t > 0, \quad m \in \mathbb{N},$
 $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

② $b(t) = \exp(|\log t|^\beta), \quad t > 0, \quad \beta \in (0, 1)$

Properties of K -spaces

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) and (Y_0, Y_1) be compatible couples, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$, and let $v \in \mathcal{W}(0, \infty)$.

A. If

$$\left\| t^{-\theta-1/q} v(t) \min\{1, t\} \right\|_{q, (0, \infty)} < \infty, \quad (2)$$

then:

(i) The space $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; K}$ is an intermediate space between X_0 and X_1 , that is,

$$X_0 \cap X_1 \hookrightarrow (X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; K} \hookrightarrow X_0 + X_1.$$

(ii) The space $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; K}$ is a Banach space.

B. If condition (2) is not satisfied, then $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; K} = \{0\}$.

C. Moreover, if $v \in SV(0, \infty)$ satisfies (2), then $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; K}$ and $(Y_0, Y_1)_{\theta, q, v; K}$ are interpolation spaces with respect to couples (X_0, X_1) and (Y_0, Y_1) .

Properties of J -spaces

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) and (Y_0, Y_1) are compatible couples, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$, and let $v \in \mathcal{W}(0, \infty)$.

A. If

$$\left\| t^{\theta-1/q'} \frac{1}{v(t)} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{t} \right\} \right\|_{q', (0, \infty)} < \infty, \quad \left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1 \right) \quad (3)$$

then:

(i) The space $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; J}$ is an intermediate space between X_0 and X_1 , that is,

$$X_0 \cap X_1 \hookrightarrow (X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; J} \hookrightarrow X_0 + X_1.$$

(ii) The space $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; J}$ is a Banach space.

B. (iii) If condition (3) is not satisfied, then the functional $\|\cdot\|_{\theta, q, v; J}$ vanishes on $X_0 \cap X_1$ and thus it is not a norm provided that $X_0 \cap X_1 \neq \{0\}$.

C. Moreover, if $v \in SV(0, \infty)$ satisfies (3), then $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta, q, v; J}$ and $(Y_0, Y_1)_{\theta, q, v; J}$ are interpolation spaces with respect to couples (X_0, X_1) and (Y_0, Y_1) .

Main results for K -spaces

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple and $1 \leq q < \infty$. If $b \in SV(0, \infty)$ satisfies

$$\int_x^\infty t^{-1} b^q(t) dt < \infty \quad \text{for all } x > 0, \quad \int_0^\infty t^{-1} b^q(t) dt = \infty, \quad (4)$$

and $a \in SV(0, \infty)$ is defined by

$$a(x) := b^{-q/q'}(x) \int_x^\infty t^{-1} b^q(t) dt \quad \text{for all } x > 0, \quad (5)$$

then

$$(X_0, X_1)_{0,q,b;K} = (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,a;J},$$

the space $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in $(X_0, X_1)_{0,q,b;K}$.

Moreover, if $1 < q < \infty$ and $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in X_0 and in X_1 , then

$$(X_0, X_1)'_{0,q,b;K} = (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q,\tilde{b};J} = (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q,\tilde{a};K},$$

where $\tilde{b}(x) := \frac{1}{b(1/x)}$ and $\tilde{a}(x) := \frac{1}{a(1/x)}$ for all $x > 0$.

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple and $1 \leq q < \infty$. If $b \in SV(0, \infty)$ satisfies

$$\int_0^\infty t^{-1} b^q(t) dt < \infty, \quad (6)$$

the function $B \in SV(0, \infty)$ is given by

$$B(x) := b(x) \text{ if } x \in [1, \infty), \quad B(x) \approx \beta(x) \text{ if } x \in (0, 1), \quad (7)$$

where $\beta \in SV(0, \infty)$ is such that

$$\int_x^\infty t^{-1} \beta^q(t) dt < \infty \text{ for all } x > 0, \quad \int_0^\infty t^{-1} \beta^q(t) dt = \infty,$$

and then

$$A(x) := B^{-q/q'}(x) \int_x^\infty t^{-1} B^q(t) dt \text{ for all } x > 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,b;K} &= (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,q,B;K} = (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,q,A;J} \\ &= X_0 + (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,B;K} = X_0 + (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,A;J}, \end{aligned}$$

the space X_0 is dense in $(X_0, X_1)_{0,q,b;K}$,

$$\begin{aligned} (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,b;K} &= (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,b;K;(1,\infty)}, \\ (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,q,B;K} &= (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,q,B;K;(1,\infty)}, \\ (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,q,A;J} &= (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,q,A;J;(1,\infty)}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

If the assumptions of the previous theorem are satisfied, $1 < q < \infty$, and $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in X_0 and in X_1 , then

$$\begin{aligned}(X_0, X_1)'_{0,q,b;K} &= (X'_0, X'_0 \cap X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{B};J} = (X'_0, X'_0 \cap X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{A};K} \\ &= X'_0 \cap (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{B};J} = X'_0 \cap (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{A};K} \\ &= (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{b};J},\end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{b}(x) := \frac{1}{b(1/x)}$, $\tilde{B}(x) := \frac{1}{B(1/x)}$ and $\tilde{A}(x) := \frac{1}{A(1/x)}$ for all $x > 0$.
Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}(X_0, X_1)_{0,q,b;K} &= (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,b;K;(1,\infty)}, \\ (X'_0, X'_0 \cap X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{B};J} &= (X'_0, X'_0 \cap X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{B};J;(0,1)}, \\ (X'_0, X'_0 \cap X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{A};K} &= (X'_0, X'_0 \cap X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{A};K;(0,1)}, \\ (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{b};J} &= (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{b};J;(0,1)}.\end{aligned}$$

The case $q = \infty$

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple. If $b \in SV(0, \infty) \cap AC(0, \infty)$ satisfies

$$b \text{ is strictly decreasing, } b(0) = \infty, \quad b(\infty) = 0, \quad (9)$$

and if

$$a(x) := \frac{b^2(x)}{x(-b'(x))} \quad \text{for a.a. } x > 0, \quad (10)$$

then

$$(X_0, X_1)_{0, \infty, b; K} = (X_0, X_1)_{0, \infty, a; J}.$$

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple and let $b \in SV(0, \infty) \cap AC(0, \infty)$ satisfy

$$b \text{ is strictly decreasing, } b(0) < \infty, \quad b(\infty) = 0. \quad (11)$$

Assume that the function $B \in SV(0, \infty)$ is given by

$$B(x) := b(x) \text{ if } x \in [1, \infty), \quad B(x) := c\beta(x) \text{ if } x \in (0, 1), \quad (12)$$

where $\beta \in SV(0, \infty) \cap AC(0, \infty)$ is such that

$$\beta \text{ is strictly decreasing, } \beta(0) = \infty, \quad \beta(\infty) = 0, \quad (13)$$

and c is a positive constant chosen in such a way that $B \in AC(0, \infty)$. If

$$A(x) := \frac{B^2(x)}{x(-B'(x))} \text{ for a.a. } x > 0, \quad (14)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (X_0, X_1)_{0, \infty, b; K} &= (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0, \infty, B; K} = (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0, \infty, A; J} \\ &= X_0 + (X_0, X_1)_{0, \infty, B; K} = X_0 + (X_0, X_1)_{0, \infty, A; J} \end{aligned}$$

Remark

Note that, under the assumptions of the previous theorem

$$(X_0, X_1)_{0,\infty,b;K} = (X_0, X_1)_{0,\infty,b;K;(1,\infty)},$$

$$(X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,\infty,B;K} = (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,\infty,B;K;(1,\infty)}.$$

Moreover, if $\|A(t)\|_{\infty,(1,e)} < \infty$, then also

$$(X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,\infty,A;J} = (X_0, X_0 + X_1)_{0,\infty,A;J;(1,\infty)}.$$

In a particular case, when b is of logarithmic type, some mentioned results on a description of limiting K - spaces by means of limiting J - spaces have been obtained by F. Cobos and T. Kühn (if (X_0, X_1) is an ordered couple) and by F. Cobos and A. Segurado (for a general couple (X_0, X_1)). Note that in the mentioned particular case these authors have also described duals of limiting K -spaces.

Main results for J -spaces

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple and $1 < q \leq \infty$. If $a \in SV(0, \infty)$ satisfies

$$\int_0^x t^{-1} a^{-q'}(t) dt < \infty \quad \text{for all } x > 0, \quad \int_0^\infty t^{-1} a^{-q'}(t) dt = \infty, \quad (15)$$

and $b \in SV(0, \infty)$ is defined by

$$b(x) := a^{-q'/q}(x) \left(\int_0^x t^{-1} a^{-q'}(t) dt \right)^{-1} \quad \text{for all } x > 0, \quad (16)$$

then

$$(X_0, X_1)_{0,q,a;J} = (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,b;K}.$$

If $1 < q < \infty$, then the space $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in $(X_0, X_1)_{0,q,a;J}$.

Moreover, if $1 < q < \infty$ and $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in X_0 and in X_1 , then

$$(X_0, X_1)'_{0,q,a;J} = (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{a};K} = (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{b};J},$$

where $\tilde{a}(x) := \frac{1}{a(1/x)}$ and $\tilde{b}(x) := \frac{1}{b(1/x)}$ for all $x > 0$.

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple and $1 < q \leq \infty$. If $a \in SV(0, \infty)$ satisfies

$$\int_0^\infty t^{-1} a^{-q'}(t) dt < \infty, \quad (17)$$

the function $A \in SV(0, \infty)$ is given by

$$A(x) := a(x) \quad \text{if } x \in (0, 1], \quad A(x) \approx \alpha(x) \quad \text{if } x \in (1, \infty), \quad (18)$$

where the function $\alpha \in SV(0, \infty)$ is such that

$$\int_0^x t^{-1} \alpha^{-q'}(t) dt < \infty \quad \text{for all } x > 0, \quad \int_0^\infty t^{-1} \alpha^{-q'}(t) dt = \infty,$$

and

$$B(x) := A^{-q'/q}(x) \left(\int_0^x t^{-1} A^{-q'}(t) dt \right)^{-1} \quad \text{for all } x > 0, \quad (19)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,a;J} &= (X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,q,A;J} = (X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,q,B;K} \\ &= X_0 \cap (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,A;J} = X_0 \cap (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,B;K}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(X_0, X_1)_{0,q,a;J} = (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,a;J;(0,1)},$$

$$(X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,q,A;J} = (X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,q,A;J;(0,1)},$$

$$(X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,q,B;K} = (X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,q,B;K;(0,1)},$$

If $1 < q < \infty$, then $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in $(X_0, X_1)_{0,q,a;J}$.

Theorem

If the assumptions of the previous theorem are satisfied, $1 < q < \infty$, and $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in X_0 and in X_1 , then

$$\begin{aligned}(X_0, X_1)'_{0,q,a;J} &= (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{A};K} = (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{B};J} \\ &= X'_0 + (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{A};K} = X'_0 + (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{B};J} \\ &= (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{a};K},\end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{a}(x) := \frac{1}{a(1/x)}$, $\tilde{A}(x) := \frac{1}{A(1/x)}$ and $\tilde{B}(x) := \frac{1}{B(1/x)}$ for all $x > 0$.
Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}(X_0, X_1)_{0,q,a;J} &= (X_0, X_1)_{0,q,a;J;(0,1)}, \\ (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{A};K} &= (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{A};K;(1,\infty)}, \\ (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{B};J} &= (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{B};J;(1,\infty)}, \\ (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{a};K} &= (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,q;\tilde{a};K;(1,\infty)}.\end{aligned}$$

The case $q = 1$

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple. If $a \in SV(0, \infty) \cap AC(0, \infty)$ satisfies

$$a \text{ is strictly decreasing, } a(0) = \infty, \quad a(\infty) = 0, \quad (20)$$

and if

$$b(x) := -x a'(x) \quad \text{for a.a. } x > 0, \quad (21)$$

then

$$(X_0, X_1)_{0,1,a;J} = (X_0, X_1)_{0,1,b;K},$$

the space $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in $(X_0, X_1)_{0,1,a;J}$.

Moreover, if $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in X_0 and in X_1 , then

$$(X_0, X_1)'_{0,1,a;J} = (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{a};K} = (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{b};J},$$

where $\tilde{a}(x) := \frac{1}{a(1/x)}$ and $\tilde{b}(x) := \frac{1}{b(1/x)}$ for all $x > 0$.

Theorem

Let (X_0, X_1) be a compatible couple and let $a \in SV(0, \infty) \cap AC(0, \infty)$ satisfy

$$a \text{ is strictly decreasing, } a(0) = \infty, \quad a(\infty) > 0. \quad (22)$$

Assume that the function $A \in SV(0, \infty)$ is given by

$$A(x) := a(x) \text{ if } x \in (0, 1], \quad A(x) := c \alpha(x) \text{ if } x \in (1, \infty), \quad (23)$$

where $\alpha \in SV(0, \infty) \cap AC(0, \infty)$ is such that

$$\alpha \text{ is strictly decreasing, } \alpha(0) = \infty, \quad \alpha(\infty) = 0,$$

and c is a positive constant chosen in such a way that $A \in AC(0, \infty)$. If

$$\text{then } B(x) := -x A'(x) \text{ for a.a. } x > 0, \quad (24)$$

$$(X_0, X_1)_{0,1,a;J} = (X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,1,A;J} = (X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,1,B;K},$$

$$(X_0, X_1)_{0,1,a;J} = (X_0, X_1)_{0,1,a;J;(0,1)},$$

$$(X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,1,A;J} = (X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,1,A;J;(0,1)},$$

$$(X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,1,B;K} = (X_0, X_0 \cap X_1)_{0,1,B;K;(0,1)},$$

$$X_0 \cap X_1 \text{ is dense in } (X_0, X_1)_{0,1,a;J}.$$

Theorem

If the assumptions of the previous theorem are satisfied and $X_0 \cap X_1$ is dense in X_0 and in X_1 , then

$$\begin{aligned}(X_0, X_1)'_{0,1,a;J} &= (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{A};K} = (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{B};J} \\ &= X'_0 + (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{A};K} = X'_0 + (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{B};J}, \\ &= (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{a};K}\end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{a}(x) := \frac{1}{a(1/x)}$, $\tilde{A}(x) := \frac{1}{A(1/x)}$, and $\tilde{B}(x) := \frac{1}{B(1/x)}$ for all $x > 0$.
Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}(X_0, X_1)_{0,1,a;J} &= (X_0, X_1)_{0,1,a;J;(0,1)}, \\ (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{a};K} &= (X'_0, X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{a};K;(1,\infty)}, \\ (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{A};K} &= (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{A};K;(1,\infty)}.\end{aligned}$$

If $\|\tilde{B}(t)\|_{\infty,(1,e)} < \infty$, then also

$$(X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{B};J} = (X'_0, X'_0 + X'_1)_{0,\infty,\tilde{B};J;(1,\infty)}.$$

Applications

Definition

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ and let $b \in SV(0, \infty)$ be such that

$$\|t^{-1/q} b(t)\|_{q;(0,1)} = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \|t^{-1/q} b(t)\|_{q;(1,\infty)} < \infty. \quad (25)$$

The Besov space $B_{p,q}^{0,b}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ consists of all $f \in L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for which the norm

$$\|f\|_{B_{p,q}^{0,b}} := \|f\|_p + \|t^{-1/q} b(t) \omega_1(f, t)_p\|_{q;(0,\infty)} \quad (26)$$

is finite.

Theorem

If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, $1 \leq q < \infty$, and $b \in SV(0, \infty)$ is such that (25) holds, then the set $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in the space $B_{p,q}^{0,b}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Remark

Note that, under the assumptions of the previous theorem

$$(L_p(\mathbb{R}^n), W_p^1(\mathbb{R}^n))_{0,q,b;K} = B_{p,q}^{0,b}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

The space $H_p^s := H_p^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$

If $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $1 < p < \infty$, then the *fractional Sobolev (or Bessel potential) space* $H_p^s := H_p^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is the collections of all tempered distributions f on \mathbb{R}^n satisfying

$$\|f\|_{H_p^s} = \|\mathcal{F}^{-1}((1 + |x|^2)^{s/2} \mathcal{F}f)\|_p < \infty,$$

where the symbol \mathcal{F} denotes the Fourier transform.

Let $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and the operator I_s is given by

$$I_s f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}((1 + |x|^2)^{s/2} \mathcal{F}f). \quad (27)$$

If $s, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ and $1 < p < \infty$, then I_s is a lift which maps H_p^σ isomorphically onto $H_p^{\sigma-s}$. Consequently,

$$I_s(H_p^\sigma) = H_p^{\sigma-s}.$$

Moreover, if $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $1 < p < \infty$, then

$$(H_p^s)' = H_{p'}^{-s}.$$

The dual of the space $B_{p,q}^{0,b}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

Theorem

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 < p < \infty$, $1 \leq q < \infty$, and let $b \in SV(0, \infty)$ be such that

$$\|t^{-1/q} b(t)\|_{q;(0,1)} = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \|t^{-1/q} b(t)\|_{q;(1,\infty)} < \infty.$$

If $a \in SV(0, \infty)$ is defined by

$$a(x) := b^{-q/q'}(x) \int_x^\infty t^{-1} b^q(t) dt \quad \text{for all } x > 0,$$

then $(B_{p,q}^{0,b}(\mathbb{R}^n))'$ is the set of all functions $f \in H_{p'}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ which satisfy

$$N(f) := \|I_{-1}f\|_{p'} + \left\| \tau^{-1/q'} \frac{\omega_1(I_{-1}f, \tau)_{p'}}{\tau a(\tau)} \right\|_{q',(0,1)} < \infty,$$

where the operator I_{-1} is defined by (27). Moreover,

$$\|f\|_{(B_{p,q}^{0,b})'} \approx N(f) \quad \text{for all } f \in (B_{p,q}^{0,b})'.$$

On taking $b(x) = (1 + |\ln x|)^\beta$ if $x > 0$, where $\beta > -1/q$, in this theorem, one obtains the result proved by F. Cobos and Ó. Domínguez.